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**LETTER AUTHORIZING CHARGE FOR PREVIOUS SUBMISSION OF CERTIFIED  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The USPTO sent a "Priority Acknowledgement" on January 30, 2008, which acknowledged the submission of a copy of the French Priority Application No. 0312626 (filed October 28, 2003) which was filed with payment of the Issue Fee on January 7, 2008. The original certified copy of the French application was filed on January 14, 2008 ("Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document"). U.S. Patent No. 7,338,970 B2 issued on March 4, 2008. The priority claim appears on the cover of U.S. Patent No. 7,338,970 B2 (item (30)). Thus, it appears that all formalities have been addressed.

Upon a review of deposit account records, patent owner has noticed that a processing fee was not charged for the January 14<sup>th</sup> submission.

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